

REMARKS

As of this amendment, Claims 1, 5-7, 14, 15, and 21 are being amended.
Claims 1-21 have been allowed.

The amendments to Claim 1, 5-7, 14, 15, and 21 are fully supported by the Specification and original claims and add no new matter, as they are cosmetic of nature.

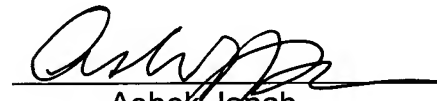
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

JANAH & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Date: January 11, 2005

By:


Ashok Janah
Reg. No. 37,487

AJK/clh

Please direct all telephone calls to:

Ashok K. Janah
(415) 538-1555

Please continue to send correspondence to:

PATENT COUNSEL MS/2061
APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
Legal Affairs Department
P.O. Box 450 A
Santa Clara, CA 95052